

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
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History 555

Brazil Since 1808

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The lectures in this course will analyze topics, arranged within a chronological coverage. Details on the latter can be obtained from E. Bradford Burns, A History of Brazil, 2nd ed., which has been assigned for the period up to 1930.

I. Empire in the Tropics: 1808-1850

January 19	Present day Brazil: The Issues and Their Origins
January 21	Brazil: An Archipelago
January 25	The Colonial Legacy
January 27	A Slave Economy

Required Reading:

E. Bradford Burns, A History of Brazil, 2nd ed., 1-186
Jorge Amado, Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands, entire
J.H. Galloway, "Brazil," in Harold Blakemore & Clifford T. Smith, eds., Latin America: Geographical Perspectives, 325-382 (available in packet)

Suggested Additional Reading (Optional):

José Honório Rodrigues, The Brazilians: Their Character and Aspirations.
A. J. R. Russell-Wood, ed., From Colony to Nation: Essays on the Independence of Brazil.
Dauril Alden, Ed., Colonial Roots of Modern Brazil.
Caio Prado Junior, The Colonial Background of Modern Brazil.
James Lang, Portuguese Brazil: The King's Plantation.
John Hemming, Red Gold: The Conquest of the Brazilian Indians, 1500-1760.
James Lockhart & Stuart B. Schwartz, Early Latin America: A History of Colonial Spanish America and Brazil.
Stuart B. Schwartz, Sugar Plantations in the Formation of Brazilian Society, Bahia, 1550-1835.
Mary Karasch, Slave Life in Rio de Janeiro, 1808-1850.

II. The Later Empire: 1850-1889

February 1	The Governing of the Empire
February 3	Economic Dependence: Exports and England (Topic for first paper due)
February 8	The Rise of Liberalism
February 10	Abolition: The Gradualist Approach
February 12	The Fall of the Empire
February 15	Review
February 17	SIX WEEKS EXAMINATION

Required Reading:

Burns, A History of Brazil, 187-287
 Stanley J. Stein, Vassouras: A Brazilian Coffee County, 1870-1900,
 entire

Suggested Additional Reading (Optional):

Robert Brent Toplin, The Abolition of Slavery in Brazil.
 Robert Conrad, The Destruction of Brazilian Slavery.
 Gilbert Phelps, Tragedy of Paraguay.
 Warren Dean, Rio Claro: A Brazilian Plantation System, 1820-1920.
 Fernando Uricochea, The Patrimonial Foundations of the Brazilian
 Bureaucratic State.
 Thomas Flory, Judge and Jury in Imperial Brazil, 1808-1871.
 Emilia Viotti da Costa, The Brazilian Empire: Myths and Histories
 Richard Graham, Britain and the Onset of Modernization in Brazil,
 1850-1914.

III. Republican Brazil: 1889-1930

February 22 The New Republic in the 1890s
 February 24 Rebuilding Rio: Civilizing the Tropics?
 (First paper due)

February 29 The "Other" Brazil of the Interior
 March 2 Intellectuals as Critics

March 7 1922: The Rediscovery of Brazil
 (Topic for second paper due)

Required Reading:

Burns, A History of Brazil, 288-420
 Carl Degler, Neither Black Nor White, entire

Suggested Additional Reading (Optional):

Ralph della Cava, Miracle at Joazeiro.
 Jorge Amado, Tent of Miracles.
 *Joseph Love, Rio Grande do Sul and Brazilian Regionalism, 1882-1930.
 São Paulo in the Brazilian Federation, 1889-1937.
 Gilberto Freyre, Order and Progress.
 Thomas E. Skidmore, Black into White: Race and Nationality in
 Brazilian Thought.
 Neill Macaulay, The Prestes Column: Revolution in Brazil.
 Nancy Stepan, Beginnings of Brazilian Science: Oswaldo Cruz, Medical
 Research and Policy, 1890-1920.

- John D. Wirth, Minas Gerais in the Brazilian Federation, 1889-1937.
 Victor Nunes Leal, Coronelismo: The Municipality and Representative Government in Brazil.
 Thomas W. Merrick & Douglas H. Graham, Population and Economic Development in Brazil: 1800 to the Present.
 Robert M. Levine, Pernambuco in the Brazilian Federation, 1889-1937.
 Thomas H. Holloway, Immigrants on the Land: Coffee and Society in São Paulo, 1886-1934.
 Barbara Weinstein, The Amazon Rubber Boom, 1850-1920.
 Frederick C. Luebke, Germans in Brazil: A Comparative History of Cultural Conflict During World War I.

IV. The Vargas Era: 1930-1945

- March 9 The Revolution of 1930
 March 21 Political Awakening and Ideological Ferment, 1930-37
 March 23 The Estado Nôvo: Vargas and Authoritarian Nation Building
 March 28 Brazil and the World War
 March 30 What Happened in 1945?

Required Reading:

- Janice E. Perlman, The Myth of Marginality: Urban Poverty and Politics in Rio De Janeiro, entire
 Thomas E. Skidmore, Politics in Brazil, 3-47
 Thomas E. Skidmore, "Getúlio Vargas and the Estado Nôvo, 1937-1945: What Kind of Regime?" in Joseph S. Tulchin, ed., Problems in Latin American History, 243-292 (available in packet).

Suggested Additional Reading (Optional):

- John D. Wirth, The Politics of Brazilian Development, 1930-1954.
 Robert M. Levine, The Vargas Regime: The Critical Years, 1934-1938.
 Philippe C. Schmitter, Interest Conflict and Political Change in Brazil.
 Frank McCann, Jr., The Brazilian-American Alliance, 1937-1945.
 Ronald H. Chilcote, The Brazilian Communist Party: Conflict and Integration, 1922-1972.
 Stanley E. Hilton, Brazil and the Great Powers, 1930-1939: The Politics of Trade Rivalry.
 _____, Hitler's Secret War in South America, 1939-45.
 Joe Foweraker, The Struggle for Land: A Political Economy of the Pioneer Frontier in Brazil from 1930 to the Present Day.
 Michael L. Conniff, Urban Politics in Brazil: The Rise of Populism, 1925-1945.

V. Contemporary Brazil: 1945-1986

- April 4 Economic Development: Accomplishments and Problems
(Second Paper Due)
- April 6 Social Structure and Social Change
- April 11 Parties, Populists and the Military
- April 13 Nationalism and Foreign Dependence
- April 18 Brazil Since 1964: Generals and Technocrats
- April 20 Attack From the Left: The Guerrilla Fails
(Graduate student papers due)
- April 25 The Economic Record Since 1964
- April 27 The U.S. Role in Brazil
- May 2 What Future for Brazil?
- May 4 REVIEW AND OVERVIEW

Required Reading:

Skidmore, Politics in Brazil, 48-330
 Thomas E. Skidmore, The Politics of Military Rule in Brazil, 1964-85, entire (available in packet).

Alfred Stepan, ed., Authoritarian Brazil: Origins, Policies and Future, chapters by Stepan and Cardoso. (available in packet)
 Dom Antonio B. Fragozo, Face of a Church, entire.

Suggested Additional Reading (Optional):

- Neuma Aguiar, ed., The Structure of Brazilian Development.
 Candido Procopio Ferreira de Camargo, et. al., São Paulo: Growth and Poverty [A report from the São Paulo Justice and Peace Commission].
- Shelton H. Davis, Victims of the Miracle: Development and Indians of Brazil.
- Charles Wagley, ed., Man in the Amazon.
 Joseph A. Page, The Revolution That Never Was: Northeast Brazil, 1955-1964.
- Alfred Stepan, The Military in Politics: Changing Patterns in Brazil.
 Riordan Roett, ed., Brazil in the Seventies.
- H. Jon Rosenbaum and William G. Tyler, eds., Contemporary Brazil: Issues in Economic and Political Development.
- Stefan H. Robock, Brazil: A Study in Development Progress.
- Martin T. Katzman, Cities and Frontiers in Brazil: Regional Dimensions of Economic Development.
- John M. Connor, The Market Power of Multinationals: A Quantitative Analysis of U.S. Corporations in Brazil and Mexico.
- Thomas C. Bruneau & Phillippe Faucher, eds., Authoritarian Capitalism: Brazil's Contemporary Economic and Political Development.

- Simon Mitchell, ed., The Logic of Poverty: The Case of the Brazilian Northeast.
- Thomas C. Bruneau, The Church in Brazil: The Politics of Religion.
- Phyllis R. Parker, Brazil and the Quiet Intervention, 1964.
- Scott Mainwaring, The Catholic Church and Politics in Brazil, 1916-1985.
- John Humphrey, Capitalist Control and Workers' Struggle in the Brazilian Auto Industry.
- Kenneth Paul Erickson, The Brazilian Corporative State and Working-Class Politics.
- A. J. Langguth, Hidden Terrors: The Truth About U.S. Police Operations in Latin America.
- Janet Lever, Soccer Madness.
- Stephen Bunker, Underdeveloping the Amazon: Extraction, Unequal Exchange, and the Failure of the Modern State.
- Maria Helena Moreira Alves, State and Opposition in Military Brazil.
- Torture in Brazil: A Report by the Archdiocese of São Paulo, ed. by Joan Dassin
- Peter McDonough, Power and Ideology in Brazil.
- Wayne A. Selcher, ed., Political Liberalization in Brazil: Dynamics, Dilemmas, and Future Prospects.
- John D. Wirth, et. al., eds., State Society in Brazil: Continuity and Change.
- Sue Branford & Oriel Glock, The Last Frontier: Fighting Over Land in the Amazon.

Lectures and Discussions:

This course meets three times a week, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:20. Normally there will be two lectures and one discussion per week, with the discussion on Friday. Students will have ample opportunity to discuss the lecture and reading material.

Course Requirements:

Undergraduates:

There will be a six-weeks examination and a final examination. (The format of the exam--take-home or classroom--will be discussed in class). Undergraduates will also be required to write two papers.

The first paper should be a critical analysis of a book or article relevant to the course.. You should analyze the author's assumptions, line of argument, evidence used, and conclusions. The book or article is to be chosen by the student and should be a significant work not included among the required reading for the

course. Titles listed under the "Suggested Additional Reading" for each section of this syllabus are examples of appropriate books. Additional ideas may be found in the supplementary bibliographies which will be distributed. The choice of book or article must be approved by the instructor, who will be happy to make suggestions that correspond to areas of special interest. The first paper should be 4-6 pages long.

The second paper is to be on a topic of student's choosing, and should be approximately 10 pages long. The paper should draw on several secondary sources and present an original interpretation of the topic discussed, i.e., it should not simply summarize the sources. Again, the topic must be approved by the instructor. Early choice of a topic is advisable in order to insure availability of books. Students may wish, in the second paper, to expand upon a topic discussed in their first paper. Or they may prefer to work on a completely different topic.

Topic for the first paper due on February 3

First paper due on February 24

Topic for second paper due on March 7

Second paper due on April 4

Graduate Students:

Graduate students are required to take the six-weeks examination and the final examination. They will also be required to write a term paper (of approximately 20 pages) on a topic of the student's choosing. Students should feel free to pursue any special interest (political sociology, economic history, literary history, the Church, land systems, student politics, etc.) in choosing their paper topic. The instructor will be happy to suggest bibliography, of which there is a rapidly growing quantity in English. Graduate students are expected to use Portuguese-language sources, where such sources are relevant and available (the Memorial Library collection is excellent) and where the student's ability to read Portuguese is adequate. Those familiar with Spanish but pessimistic about their Portuguese should note that a little effort will yield surprisingly good results when attempting to read Portuguese.

If enrollment justifies, there will be a separate discussion section for graduate students, at an hour to be arranged. Attendance at these sections is required, since each graduate student will be asked to present an oral report to the section,

which will then discuss the report. The topic will usually be in the area of the term paper and is to be agreed upon with the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Graduate student term papers due on April 20

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